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SHANGHAI ROLLING MILLS RECOVER -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 5 Jul 50

Shanghai -- Since April 1950, the East China Department of Industry has been awarding subcontracts to Shanghai rolling mills; consequently, private mills have returned to production. Of a total of 28 rolling mills under public or private management, 26 are already operating.

Nineteen mills completed their June quotas, with an increase of more than 48 percent over the amount produced in May. Public mills handled 34 percent of this work, while the remaining 66 percent was turned out by private plants.

In the July estimates for the larger mills, 36 percent of the work is to go to public rolling mills and the remaining 64 percent to private mills. If the production capacity of the various plants increases, the quotas may continue to rise accordingly.

DAIREN STEEL PRESS MISSES QUOTA -- Dairen Lu-ta Jen-min Jih-pao, 8 Jul 50

Dairen -- Through failure to make proper estimates on the basis of labor organization, the 200-horsepower rolling mill at the Dairen Steel Plant completed only 30 percent of the June production quota, which had been set at 369 tons (consisting entirely of special steels) in conjunction with a plan to assign three teams to the mill instead of the original two. This estimate was 94 percent higher than the May plan (of 190 tons).

The plant also rolls automotive spring steel. Even after the plant began the added process of trimming these springs, there was an actual increase of 20-odd tons in the June output.

DAIREN ROLLING MILL EMPLOYS MORE WORKERS -- Dairen Lu-ta Jen-min Jih-pao, 9 Jul 50

Dairen -- Production is gradually rising at the 1,500-horsepower rolling mill of the Dairen Steel Plant, as a result of the hiring of additional workers and a more advantageous distribution of work. In March, the production of

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rolled steel averaged 22 tons 984 kilograms per team per day; in May, the average was 20 tons 217 kilograms; the June average came to 28 tons 196 kilograms.

DAIREN REFINERY RAISES PRODUCTION -- Dairen Lu-ta Jen-min Jih-pao, 10 Jun 50

Dairen -- The 6-ton furnace at the Dairen Steel Plant Refinery has doubled its production rate. Until it was reconstructed on 8 June, the furnace needed repair each time 80 batches of steel had been processed. But the furnace was in continuous use from 8 June to 6 July without repair and, in that time, processed 164 batches. The consequent saving amounts to six firing days (or 108 manpower units), one ton of silica brick, and 3 tons of magnesium oxide. There was also an increase of 24 batches of refined steel. The furnace is operated by three teams, in shifts.

DAIREN PRIVATE IRONWORKS PROSPER -- Dairen Lu-ta Jen-min Jih-pao, 14 Jul 50

Dairen -- Processing contracts signed with public enterprises have brought prosperity to numerous privately operated ironworks in Dairen. The Chien-yen Nail Plant opened in July 1948 with only four nail-manufacturing machines, six wire-drawing mills, and 28 workmen. Through the progressive development of processing contracts and commercial loans, the plant has expanded its facilities to 11 nail machines, 12 wire mills, and a number of electric presses. Chien-yeh now employs 67 workers. At present, the plant is working on a contract with the Dairen Metal Electrical Materials Corporation for an estimated 20 tons of nails.

The Lien-pen Ironworks began accepting orders from public industry in 1948, and has developed progressively ever since. The first job was done for the Huang-ho Machinery Plant -- an order for 10,000 cotton spindles. Following the speedy completion of this order, the ironworks added 17 new names to its payroll. Lien-pen has just signed a contract to make textile machinery parts for the Dairen Textiles Mill. The order is valued at 320 million yuan.

The Hua-tung (East China) Ironworks has also profited by signing contracts with public industry and is understood not to have suspended operations once since signing its first processing contract.

AN-SHAN REFINERY MEETS JUNE QUOTA -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 8 Jul 50

Mukden -- After five unsuccessful months, the An-shan Steel Corporation Refinery finally completed its June quota. Previous failures are attributed to imperfect organization of labor and a lax attitude among the workers. During February, a system of shifts was instituted. Then the open-hearth furnaces were examined and repaired according to plan, and the processing was more evenly distributed among them, to maintain greater steel output. At no time were all of the open-hearth furnaces in simultaneous use; one of them was usually under repair. This guaranteed longer life for the furnaces and served as a protection against breakdowns in the hoisting equipment. In May, the daily output of steel was 223 tons; in June this rose to 268 tons. The April quota was 92 percent completed, with three furnaces exceeding their quotas. The June quota was fully completed by 29 June, and exceeded by 5.6 percent at the end of the month.

However, not enough attention is given to the quality of the product: firing time is miscalculated; carbon content is too high; the finished product fails to meet standards. Of the month's output, 88 percent was of acceptable quality -- 8 percent above the requirement -- but this was still 1.5 percent below May.

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